

Abstract

The present invention is directed to nuclear factor κ B (NF κ B)-inducing factor polypeptides (NFIF polypeptides) which are capable of inducing NF κ B. The present invention includes within its scope NFIF polypeptides, including NFIF-14b and NFIF-7a, DNA, including cDNA, encoding these polypeptides, and expression vectors capable of expressing NFIF polypeptides. Also included are methods and compositions for increasing NF κ B induction in a patient, methods and compositions for lowering NF κ B induction in a patient, methods for inhibiting inflammation, and methods for manufacture of a medicament intended for the treatment and/or prevention of an NF κ B-regulated inflammatory response. In addition, methods for determining whether a test compound inhibits or enhances the activity of NFIF polypeptides are provided.

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